GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2662
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SALE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS TO BROTHELS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of women have become widows and children have been orphaned in devastating earthquake in Gujarat on January 26, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment made in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that these orphan women and girls are being sold in the brothels particularly in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken steps to stop this inhuman and heinous crime and

(e) if so, the number of earthquake affected women and girls rescued from the brothels so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a)to(e) The information is being collected from Department of Women & Child Developmentin the Ministry of Human Resource Development who are dealing with Welfare of Women and Child and Ministry of Agriculture who are concerned with NationalDisaster Management, and will be laid on the Table of the House.